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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 February 2002.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 14 February 2002 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____. 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claim 1s rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Specification does not describe clearly "one of angles each formed by extensions of adjacent magnetic pole "

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: it is not clear how the angle is measured "one of angles each formed by extensions of adjacent magnetic pole " Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Sakamoto US patent 4,983,867.**

Sakamoto'867 discloses an inner rotor motor comprising; a rotor (R, column 3,line 19,Fig.1,2,2,) having plural magnetic poles (see Fig.3,4) disposed in a circumferential shape (see Fig.1,2,3,),and a stator(S ,column 3,line 27,Fig.1,2,3) including a stator core having plural magnetic pole teeth that are outside a circumference of the rotor and face the rotor (see Fig.1,2,3,4), a coil (11b,column 3,line 31Fig.2) being wound around each of the magnetic pole teeth (see Fig.2) wherein the magnetic pole teeth are set so that value of at least one of angles each formed by extensions of adjacent magnetic pole teeth is smaller than an angle formed by lines each connecting a tip center of one of adjacent magnetic pole teeth and a rotation center of the rotor (see Fig.3 the angle of extensions of adjacent teeth), the magnetic pole teeth are provided so that at least one of points of intersection of extensions of lines each connecting a base center and a tip center of one of adjacent magnetic pole teeth is in a position opposite to the magnetic pole teeth with respect to the rotation center of the rotor (see Fig. 3 the extension of lines connecting the base of S " stator teeth" with the tip center of next teeth is in opposite position of other pole teeth),the magnetic pole teeth are placed so that extensions of lines each connecting a base center and a tip center thereof intersect at an identical point (a perpendicular line to a tangent on the center base of S and the line normal to tips insert at an identical point (see the Fig.1,2,3,),the magnetic pole teeth are provided so that intervals between the base centers of adjacent magnetic pole teeth are equal to each other (see Fig.1,2,2,3) ,a disk unit (column 7 ,line 51) including the inner

rotor motor.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 6,7,8 are rejected .

It would have been obvious to one having skill in the art at the time the invention was made to form the extensions of adjacent pole teeth 15 degrees or less or the central angle of the rotor in a range within 180 degrees and have six pole teeth, since it has been held that discovering an optimum value of a result effective variable involves only routine skill in the art In re Boesch, 617 F.2d 272,205 USPPQ 215 (CCPA 1980)

Communication

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Iraj A Mohandes whose telephone number is (703)305-3242. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nestor Ramirez can be reached on 703-308-1371. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)872-9314 for regular communications and (703)872-9314 for After Final communications.

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